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1. When the German troops abandoned the Krieg-Hermsdorf (P 51/H 89) airfield all the hangars were demolished. The Soviets reconstructed the installations at the field, enlarged some of the hangars and lengthened the asphalt runway to 2 km.
2. A large number of jet fighters, which practiced flying in formations of six planes, were stationed at the field. From 10 to 15 Soviet twin-engine bombers were also seen there. A searchlight battalion arrived at the field in 1950.
3. An air force division was stationed in Krieg-Ohlau (P 51/C 60). Two of its battalions were located in Krieg and one battalion in Ohlau. [redacted] According to Soviet soldiers, the unit in Krieg was to be transferred in May 1951.
4. The air force unit in Ohlau was quartered in the former dairy, on the outskirts of the town, on the highway to Praslau. The ground personnel were quartered in the old German barracks in the center of the town. During the summer months the flying personnel moved to quarters near the airfield.
5. Practice bombs were dropped on a bombing range in the Oderwald (forest) near Ohlau. This bombing range was also used by bombers not stationed in Krieg. *

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[redacted] Comment. The report is of interest since information from Silesia, where most of the units of the Soviet Fourth Air Army are stationed, is very scarce. The occupation of the Krieg airfield by the Soviets and the presence there of jet fighters was known. [redacted] According to the data of the present report, a Soviet fighter division may be located in Krieg and Ohlau. It is plausible that the two regiments in Krieg, [redacted] may have erroneously called battalions, were equipped with jet fighters. If the regiment in Ohlau was also equipped with jet aircraft, a runway must have been built there after the war. At the end of the war a runway was not available in Ohlau. [redacted] and is believed to be correct. The bombers may have been assigned to a bomber regiment, the aircraft equipment of which was not ascertained [redacted]

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